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GCIR Announces New Board Members

SEBASTOPOL, CA— The membership of Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees (GCIR) elected to its board of directors [Evan Bacalao](#), program officer for Special Initiatives & Partnerships at the [Open Society Foundations](#); [Dina Merrell](#), associate director of [The Chicago Bar Foundation](#); [Shawn Morehead](#), program director for the Promising Futures and the Education and Human Justice grantmaking programs at the [New York Community Trust](#); and [Luna Yasui](#), senior program officer for the Youth Opportunity and Learning team at the [Ford Foundation](#). In addition, the GCIR membership reelected [Cathy Cha](#), vice president of programs at the Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund; [Grace Hou](#), president of the Woods Fund Chicago; [Irene Lee](#), director of the Family Economic Success Unit at The Annie E. Casey Foundation; and [Betty Balli Torres](#), executive director of the Texas Access to Justice Foundation.

[Ted Wang](#), director for Unbound Philanthropy's US Program, was elected to a two-year term as co-chair of the board, joining [Betty Balli Torres](#), who will serve another year in that post. [Cathy Cha](#) recently completed a two-year term as co-chair.

[Efrain Escobedo](#), vice president of civic engagement and public policy at the California Community Foundation, was elected to a two-year term as secretary, and [Leslie Dorosin](#), co-executive director of The Grove Foundation, was re-elected to a one-year term as treasurer.

After six years of service on the board, [Mayra Peters-Quintero](#), senior program officer for Gender, Racial, and Ethnic Justice at the Ford Foundation, rotated off the board at the end of 2016. Visit [GCIR's website](#) for a [complete list and biographies](#) of our current board of directors.

Founded in 1990, GCIR works to influence philanthropy to advance the contributions and address the needs of the country's growing and increasingly diverse immigrant and refugee populations. GCIR partners with a growing network of member foundations, as well as the greater philanthropic community, on a wide range of immigration and immigrant integration

issues, including education, health, employment, civic participation, racial and economic justice, and other concerns affecting immigrant children, youth, and families.

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